Mr. K. Ayyappan *(Ezhuvas-Kanayannur):* Are there any candidates already in the service with the Bombay qualification ?

Mr. M. Sivarama Menon *(Advocate-General):* My information is that there are two candidates appointed by the Municipality without strictly complying with the provisions in the Standing Orders with regard to this qualification.

Mr. A. V. Moothedan *(Chalakkudi):* Why did they make that appointment?

Mr. M. Sivarama Menon *(Advocate-General):* The appointment was made in the Municipality.

Mr. A. V. Moothedan *(Chalakkudi):* Then that appointment is irregular. You have to amend the Standing Orders.

Mr. M. Sivarama Menon *(Advocate-General):* That is engaging the attention of the Government, because it is only now that such a question has arisen.

Mr. K. Ayyappan *(Ezhuvas-Kanayannur):* Now that a question has arisen, will the Government reconsider the matter and modify the rule ?

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):* All the aspects will be considered. I am not going to say that one training is better than the other. But I was saying about the existing rule.

Mr. A. V. Moothedan *(Chalakkudi):* There must be a continuity of policy, whether you follow the Madras qualification or the Bombay qualification.

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):* The continuity of policy we are now following is to restrict it only to those who have the Madras qualification. But if the House wants the Government to reconsider this matter, presently, I say that aspect will also be taken into consideration.

WESTERN CHALAKKUDI—ROADS AND BRIDGES IN

185. Mr. A. V. Moothedan *(Chalakkudi):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether they are in receipt of a petition, dated 22nd Edavam 1114 from the inhabitants of Chalakkudi and other places regarding the construction of certain roads and bridges in the Western Chalakkudi village;

(*b*) if so, whether Government had passed orders more or less allowing their requests (vide order D-4-19998/14, dated 13th July 1939);

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(*c*) will Government be pleased to publish the order referred to in clause (*b*) as appendix ;

(*d*) is it not a fact that the owners of the land have freely surrendered the land required for constructing the road connecting Parayanthodu Panchayat road with Kottat School road ;

(*e*) if answer to (*d*) is in the affirmative, whether the construction of this road has been started ; if not why not ;

(*f*) regarding request No. 3 in the petition of 22nd Edavam 1114, is it not a fact that Government would be able to make a saving of Rs. 80 per annum in case the bridge in this foot-path is constructed ;

(*g*) what is the estimated cost of constructing this bridge referred to in clause (*f*);

(*h*) regarding request No. 1 in the petition of 22nd Edavam 1114, will Government be pleased to state whether land acquisition is over for the purpose of constructing a road to connect Chalakkudi P.W.D. road with Parayanthodu road ?

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development)*:

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Yes.

(*c*) A copy of the order is placed on the Table.

(*d*) No. The owners *viz.*, the occupants of the lands surrendered free their occupancy right and the jenmom right of these lands had to be acquired.

(*e*) The construction of the road has not been started, the acquisition proceedings could not be pushed through, since there was complaint regarding the alignment.

(*f*) Request No. 3 is for the work of a bridge over Parayanthodu. This question of savings of Rs. 80 per annum has not been investigated.

(*g*) The work is estimated at Rs. 2,225.

(*h*) The acquisition is in progress.

Mr. A. V. Moothedan *(Chalakkudi)*: May I know why the Hon'ble Minister emphasises the word "alignment" ?

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development)*: The difficulty is this. Everywhere there is difficulty. The moment a

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work is taken up, petitions and counter petitions come up complaining about the alignment. We have to look into all these things. The delay is caused on account of that. Enquiring into petition means at least one month's delay. That is the reason why this delay has taken place. Our people have made it a point to resort to petitions always. However, we will hasten this.

FURNITURE AND OTHER ARTICLES—PURCHASED FROM MR. R. C. BRISTOW

186. Mr. C. R. Iyyunni *(Trichur-South):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether the furniture and other articles of household use belonging to Mr. Bristow, Harbour Officer, purchased by the Government;

(*b*) if so, what is the amount spent on that account; please state the various articles and their prices ?

Mr. P. V. Raphael *(Joint Secretary to Government):*

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) A statement containing the information is placed on the Table of the House. The amount shown in column "cost" is the actual value of the articles, but only two-thirds of the value of the articles have been paid.

Mr. K. R. Viswambharan *(Ezhuvas-Talappalli) :* In view of the fact that Mr. Iyyunni is absent and because we want to ask a few questions with regard to this important matter, though there is no authorisation I request the President to allow us the privilege of a few supplementaries.

Mr. President: Has it been permitted in any previous instance?

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):* Yes. With the consent of the Chair.

Mr. President: Then you may ask.

Mr. V. K. Bhaskara Menon *(Cranganur):* May I know, Sir, whether in the case of Government they have escaped paying the balance of one-third.

Mr. P. V. Raphael *(Joint Secretary to Government):* We made only a statement of fact, just to let you know how much we have paid.

Mr. V. K. Bhaskara Menon *(Cranganur):* May I know whether you have got to pay the other one-third also?

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